

# common sense party

Responsible. Open. Inclusive.

## The Problem

Political parties exacerbate extremism through zero-sum electoral and governing strategies and give special interests inappropriate influence.

The way our current system recruits and screens candidates, funds and runs campaigns, and governs post-election, cries out for reform and real competition.

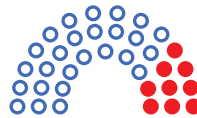
The system isn't broken...it's *fixed*.



Partisanship & special interests hinder independence and real solutions

6.7 MILLION

California voters are so dissatisfied they left both parties



California is effectively a one-party state stifling independence

## The Solution

The Common Sense Party will provide an ongoing structure to support independent-minded candidates, revitalize competition in elections, and make officials responsive to their constituents, rather than party bosses and special interests.

Common Sense's "open source" structure will level the playing field for qualified independent candidates, including independent-minded Democrats and Republicans.

We will foster independent candidates, build local chapters to provide grassroots support, and efficiently qualify good ballot initiatives.

STEP 1

Qualify Party

STEP 2

Support Local Candidates to Build "Bench"

STEP 3

Support State Candidates with Common Sense  
*Term limits open 66% of Legislative seats in upcoming elections.*

STEP 4

Systematically Sponsor Ballot Initiatives that Solve Problems

## How You Can Help



### JOIN THE PARTY

Sign-up online.  
It takes less than 5 minutes.  
Enlist 10 friends to join.



### VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with us.  
Start a local chapter.  
Share our video.



### INVEST

Every \$10 contributed registers 1 Common Sense voter.

For more information head to our website or contact us at:

**CAcommonsense.org | contact@caccommonsense.org | 949-207-9084**

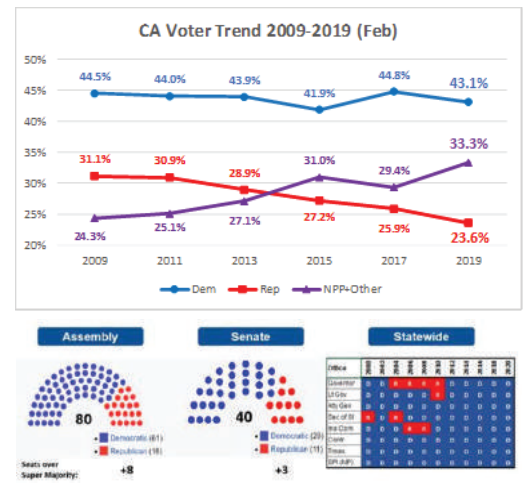
# Discussion Guide

## 1. Why has NPP registration grown so dramatically?

- ◆ Clearly Republicans are down, but why have Democrats not gained?
- ◆ Who actually represents this 1/3 of Californians who have declared No Partisan Preference?

## 2. Did you know that our State Legislature is a single-party system?

- ◆ What impact do you think this has on the policies coming from Sacramento?
- ◆ Do you think this is healthy?



## 3. Some conclude partisan infighting is responsible for poor government performance, but did you know for the past 20 years California has effectively had single-party rule? Yet, did you also know?

- ◆ We have over 150,000 Californians living on the streets
- ◆ 1 in 5 Californians live below the poverty line
- ◆ CA's housing prices are almost 2.5x the national average
- ◆ 3 CA cities are in the Top 5 worst commutes in the US
- ◆ CA has \$1T in long term debt and pension obligations (that is roughly \$50,000 per voter)
- ◆ Over 50% of Californians are thinking of leaving California

## 4. Did you know 60% of Americans believe we need a third party?

- ◆ Why do we have only two options that force us to pick the least-worst party?
- ◆ Why can't there be a party that is **Responsible, Open and Inclusive**? How about fiscally responsible and socially inclusive?
- ◆ What do you think?

